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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

First, and in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 13, 2004, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II, corresponding to the invention as recited in claims 14-25. Claims 1-13 are hereby withdrawn, without prejudice to representing them in a continuing application. Also, the Examiner's comments with regard to there being three embodiments of the invention recited in the elected claims (14-25) are noted, and an election is hereby made to the third embodiment, which the Examiner argues is shown in Figures 13-16.

Second, the Applicant also requests that the following amendments be entered, with consideration given to the remarks presented:

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Applicant's invention, as now defined in the claims of this application, is clearly distinguishable and therefore patentably distinct from the prior art. Favorable action of this application is therefore respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees that may arise due to the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 13-1227.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	25	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	25 minus 20 =	5
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 minus 3 =	2
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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Total	* 28	Minus	** 25 = 3
Independent	* 5	Minus	*** 5 = 0
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Independent	*	Minus	*** =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385.00
X\$ 9=	45
X43=	86
+145=	
TOTAL	516

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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